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Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief Watershed and Wetlands Branch United States Environmental Protection Agency Region V 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604 November 16, 2010

Dear Mr. Swenson:

RE: Indiana's 2010 Integrated Report and 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

This letter accompanies the 2010 Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report (IR) and the state's 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. These documents are being submitted per requirements under Sections 305(b) and 303(d), respectively, of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 130.

For the 2010 submission, Indiana has chosen to follow, to the degree possible, the 305(b) and 303(d) reporting methods outlined in the U.S. EPA's draft guidance document entitled, "Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act" published in February, 2005; the additional guidance provided in the U.S. EPA memorandum "Information Concerning 2008 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions" published in 2006; and the guidance provided in the U.S. EPA memorandum "Information Concerning 2010 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions" published in 2009. Indiana has submitted via email both the 305(b) and the 303(d) components of the Integrated Report together.

Indiana's 305(b) submission includes the narrative Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report 2010 and a number of appendices including:

- Metadata for the report
- Tables for the report
- Figures for the report
- IDEM's 305(b)/303(d) monitoring, assessment, reporting and listing schedule
- Trophic status and trends of Indiana's lakes
- Indiana's Consolidated List (Categories 1-5)
- Comprehensive Aquatic Life Use and Recreational Use Assessments

Indiana's 303(d) submission includes:

- Explanations for changes made to the 2008 303(d) list and changes made to the draft 2010 303(d) after it was published for public comment
- Indiana's finalized 303(d) of Impaired Waters, which includes Categories 5A and 5B of the state's Consolidated List
- IDEM's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology
- TMDL Schedule for 2010-2011
- Long term TMDL development schedule
- Update on the status of Category 4 waters

- Indiana's response to public comments on the draft 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and the Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology
- Indiana's response to U.S. EPA comments on the draft 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Waters
- Summary of 303(d) listed segments that were split for purposes of assessment

You will also find enclosed a CD that contains IDEM's Assessment Database for the 2010 cycle and the 2010 Reach Index shapefiles for use in georeferencing the waterbodies referenced in these documents to the National Hydrography Database.

It is our understanding that with this transmittal, all required components of the 2010 Integrated Report (submitted pursuant to Section 305(b) of the CWA) and the 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Waters are complete and ready for U.S. EPA review. We look forward to receiving U.S. EPA approval of Indiana's 2010 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Arthur (317-308-3179) or Andrew Pelloso (317-308-3178).

Sincerely,

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